## The White Desert

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(Continued From Our Last Issue) CHAPTER XIII

Old Judge Mason, accustomed to seeing Barry in times of distress, tried his best to be jovial. Well, my boy, what is it this

"Money," Houston came directly to the point. "What's the money for; running ex-

"No. Machinery. I've got to have a good, smooth-working plant—other-wise I wont be able to live up to specifications."

"You're not." and the old lawyer smiled quizzically, "going to favor your dearly beloved friend with the order,

are you?"
"Who?"
"Worthington."

"The district attorney?"

"That was, Plutocrat now. He came into his father's money and bought the East Coast Machinery company. Ho's the president," again the smile. "and I know he'd be glad to have your order."

Houston continued the sarcasm Houston continued the sarcasm.

"I'd be overjoyed to give it to him.

In fact, I think I'd refuse to buy any machinery if I couldn't get it from such a dear friend as Worthington was. It wasn't his fault that I wasn't sent to the penitentiary."

"No, that's right, boy." Old Lawyer Mason was quietly reminiscent. "He tried his best. It seemed to me in those days he was more of a persecutor."

tried his best. It seemed to hold those days he was more of a persecutor than prosecutor.

"Let's forget it." Houston laughed uneasily. "A persecutor. You've given me an idea, Judge, I'm going to New York."

And the next morning Barry Houston was in New York, swirling along Seventh avenue toward Belistrand hospital. There he sought the executive offices and told his story. Five minutes later he was looking at the books of the institution, searching—at last to stifle a cry of excitement and bend closer to a closely written page. "August second," he read. "Kilbans Worthington, district attorney Boston, Mass. Acc. by Drs. Horton, Mayer and Brensteam. Investigations into blows on skull. Eight cadavers."

With fingers that were almost frenzied. Houston copied the notation, closed the book, and hurled again for a taxicab. It yet was only 9 o'clock.

a taxicab. It yet was only 3 o'clock. If the traffic were not too thick, if the

driver were skillful-He raced through the gate at Grand Central just as it was closing. It was night when he reached Boston, but Houston did not hesitate. A glance at a telephone book, another rocking ride in a taxleab, and Barry stood on the veranda of a large house, awaiting the answer to the ring at the bell. Fi-

"Mr. Worthington," he demanded. Kilbane Worthington was seated at the large table, much in the manner which he had effected in court. "Well," he asked somewhat brusque-

ly, "may I inquire-"
"My name is Barry Houston, son of Inte William K. Houston. You I met in-the courtroom. You and I met in—the courtroom. You once did me the very high honor to accuse me of murder and then iried your level best to send me to the pen-itentiary for life when you knew, ab-solutely and thoroughly, that I was an innocent man!

CHAPTER XIV

The former district attorney started lightly. Then, coming still closer, he peered into the tense, angry features of Barry Houston. "A bit melodramatic, aren't you?"

he asked in a sneering tone.
"Perhaps so. But then murder is always melodramatic.
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"The point is this: I am thinking of suing the city of Boston for a million dollars."

"You're talking blackmail!"

"I beg your parden. Blackmail is something by which one extorts money. I'm here to try to give you money—or at least the promise of it—and at the same time allow you to make up for something that should weigh rather heavily on your conscience."

"If you'll come to the point."

"Mr. Worthington, I have convincing evidence that you knew I was innocent. Further, that you knew it at the beginning of the trial. But that in spite of this knowledge, you continued to persecute me—notice, I don't say prosecute—to persecute me in a

say prosecute—to persecute me in a hope of gaining a conviction—simply

### WENT BACK TO **WORK INSTEAD** OF TO COLORADO

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Actually Put Him Back
On His Feet In Five Days
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"It is very seldom I get enthused over anything as much as I am over Taniac," sald W. D. Graves, 1121 San Fernando Bidg., Burbank, Cal., a well-known transfer man.

"For five years I was in such a bad fix I could scarcely eat a thing and feit tired and sluggish all the time. I was so nervous the least excitement upset me for hours, and I never got a good night's sleep. Nothing I took seemed to help me, and finally I got so bad off I got ready to go to Colorado, hoping that might benefit me.

"But I saw a Taniac statement which so impressed me I bought a bottle, and in five days felt so much better F actually went back to work ed ten inches at In o'clock—and it's large and fining that hardly could be discerned a few feet away, one hand of each holding tight to the stout cord which led from waistbelt, their only assurance agains, beling parted from each other in the blinding swirt of winter.

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better I actually went back to work ed instead of going to Colorado. Taniac 15 has now built me up twelve pounds in weight, and I am a well man. At for one time, four members of our family were taking Tanlac, and it has been splendid for all of us."

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INDIGESTION relieved in two minutes with JO-TO Gas, acid, sour, burning stom-ach all quickly relieved with JO-TO. Drug Stores. that you might go before the voters and point to me in prison as a recommendation of your efficiency as a district atterney. I don't mind giving you the names: Dr. Horton, Dr. Mayer and Dr. Brensteam, all physicians of the highest reputation. I would like, Mr. Worthington, to know why you did not make use of them in the trial?"

"Why-" The former district attorney suddenly changed the subject.
"You spoke of a suit you might bring when you came in here?"

Houston waited for a moment, then went on.

"But personally, I don't want to file the suit. I don't want any money— that way. I don't want any bribes, or exculpations, or statements from you that you know me to be innocent. You me something, and I'm here tonight to ask you for it."

"I though you said you didn't want "I don't. May I ask you what your margin of profit is at your machinery company?"

"I suppose it runs around 12 per cent.

"Then will you please allow me to give you \$12,000 in profits?" I'm in the lumber business. I have a con-tract that runs into the millions; suretract that runs into the millions; surely that is good enough security to a man"—be couldn't resist the temptation—"who knows my absolute innocence. It isn't good enough for the bankers, who still believe me guilty, so I've come directly to you. I need one hundred thousand dollars worth of lumber-mill machinery. I can pay for it—in installments. I guarantee to give you every cent above my current running expenses until the hill is rent running expenses until the bill is disposed of. All I want is to have you do what you would to any reputable business man who came to you with a contract running into the millions of dollars—to give me credit for that machinery. Come in with me on it and chinery. Come in with me on it, and we'll forget the rest. Stay out and I fight!"
For a long moment, Kilbane Wor-

thington paced the floor. Then, at last, he looked up, "All right."

CHAPTER XV It was a grinning Barry Houston who leaped from the train at Taber-nacle a week later and ran open-armed through the snow toward the waiting Ba'tiste.
"You got my telegram?" he asked it

almost breathlessly.
"Ah, oul, oul, oul! Sacre, and you are the wizard!"

A moment he surged with another idea. "But, now, Ba'teese have eet! He shall go to Medaine! He shall tell her to write to the district attorney of Boston-that he will tell her-"It was part of my agreement, Ba'-

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tiste, that he be forced to make no statements regarding my innocence." Slowly Ba'tiste nodded and slapped the rains on the back of the horse

"Ba'teese will not see Medaine" came at last, and they went on.
Again the walting game.
A month went by, to bring with it the bill of lading which told that the machinery was at last on its way.

March, and a few warm days, which melted the spows only that they might. melted the snows only that they might crust again. Back and forth traveled the bobsled to Tabernacle, only to

meet with disappointment.
"I've wired the agent at Denver three times about that stuff." said three times about that stuff," said the Tabernacle telegrapher and gen-eral supervisor of freight. "He's told me that he'd let me know as soon as

A week more, and winter had re-turned for a last fling. They tried the bobsled. Batiste and Houston, only to give it up. The horses floundered and plowed about in vain efforts at locomotion, at last

He rattled and banged at the key for a long moment, cursing softly. Only the dead "cluck' of a grounded line answerel him. "Things are going to get bad in this country if this keeps up," came at last. "There ain't any too great a stock of food."

At last the wire opened again, and the operator went once more to his He bent over the key. His face went white-tense.

"God!"
"What's wrong?" The
were close beside him now. The two men were close beside him now.

"No. 111's kicked him over the hill,
They're wiring Denver from Crestline.
The second plow's up there in the
snow-shed with the crew. One of 'em's
dead. The other's—wait a minute, I
have to piece it together."

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A silence, except for the rattling of the key, broken, jagged, a clattering voice of the distance, faint in the roar and whine of the storm, yet penetrat-ing as it carried the news of a far-away world—a world where the three men knew that all had turned to a white hell of wintry fury.

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### MAKE PROGRESS NORMALCY HAS TWO MEANINGS AT CONFERENCE

Pope Writes Letter Praying Unions Think It Stands for for Success of Genoa Program

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On Saturday night he was a dinner guest of the British prime minister, Mr. Lloyd George and since his arrival in Genoa he has also conferred with Frank A. Vanderlip, American banker; lunched with Chancellor Wirth and Dr. Rathenau of the German delegation, dined with the Italian foeign minister, M. Schanzer, and held lengthy conferences with Premier Bratlano of Rumania and the delegates of Jugo-Slavia, Belgium and Holland.

In all these lenders he has apparmen, asserted that the present federal

In all these leaders he has apparently had listeners eager for his views on the necessity of a political internationale, based on international aspirations much loftier and broader than anything the world has yet seen.

"People must not think the evils of the world's suffering can be eliminated at a single stroke of a magic wand," said Father Sturzo to the correspondent. "The Genoa conference is only the first step on a long road—only the beginning of a work which will lead after many years to the restoration of Europe and to a brotherhood of peoples.

"Meanwhile I am working indefatigably for correspondents and legislative representative at Washington of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, asserted that the present federal administration had failed to aid labor. The coming congressional election will provide an opportunity to work a change, he added.

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call a political internationale.

He explained by this he meant a world organization inspired by Christian principles, though not neces-sarily aiming at the spread of the Catholic religion. He wanted to unite the parties of all countries which have ideals similar to his own—namely that everybody should wish best for their own country, but simultaneously strive for the betterment of all peoples. Already, he said, he had received adhesions from all the countries of Europe except France and tries of Europe except France and England and he was going to these countries about the end of May. He had received adhesions also from

happy issue of such a great assembliage, which includes representatives of all the civilized nations, will mark a historical date for Christian civilization, especially in Europe, the peoples of which have suffered so much in past conflicts and through its recent and most deplorable consequences, and rightly desire that through the agency of the conference the danger of new conflagrations shall be removed as far as possible. "May full attainment at least prepare the basis for the future and not far distant advent of a new era of peace of which one may say, with the Bible, that justice and peace have joined, remembering that the extgen-

joined, remembering that the exigen-cies of justice must be tempered with charity.

HELP EASTERN EUROPE.

"Such a return of normal state of human relations in its essential elements, in conformity with the dictates of reason, which is also the divine command, will work greatly to the advantage of both conquerors and conquered, but especially to the ad-

#### FIND PASTOR GAGGED AND TIED IN DITCH

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been made to destroy the motion picture equipment installed in the church by Hamon.

Mr. Irwin declared recently that numerous efforts had been made to intimidate him and force him out of Lawton. He mid three men confronted him as he was leaving the church one Sunday night last March and at the points of guns warned him to get out of town.

The pastor served notice, nevertheless, that he intended to "stick to the bitter end" and announced that he had obtained a permit to carry arms. He characterized the charges brought against him as "trivial" and blamed "intense bitter political feeling and enemies of the church" for the situation.

## Open Shop and Slashed

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no official standing in the conference, are receiving close attention from the leaders of the various delegations.

He favors establishment of a kind of European federation, based on the principles of brotherly love, concillation and co-operation and he plans to visit the United States later to preach

Notable Discovery Made By Russian Woman Biologist

countries about the end of May. He had received adhesions also from South American countries, but not from the United States.

"First I want to establish a kind of European federation and then I will visit the United States and pursue my labor there."

Father Sturzo is regarded by his countrymen as a true apostle.

MOSCOW, May 1.—(By the Associated Press.)—The discovery and isociated Press. countrymen as a true apostle.

POPE SENDS LETTER.

Hope for the successful outcome of the conference as a notable aid in she has been engaged for two years in achieving the establishment of peace on a secure basis was expressed by Para Plus in his notable latter.

Announcement of the discovery was

she has been engaged for two years in searching for the germ.

Guiver basis was expressed by Pope Pius in his notable letter to Cardinal Gasparri, which has created such deep interest in conference circles here.

The text of the letter:

"The keen desire by which we are animated to see established in the world a new peace which does not merely consist in a cessation of hostilities, but principally in spiritual reconciliation, causes us to follow with solicitous attention, in fact with anxious trepidation, the work of the Genoa conference.

"We have already invited our faithful people to invoke with fervent prayer the benedictions of God on this conference. We cannot hide the intense satisfaction we feel at secing removed, thanks to the good will of all, the serious obstacles which from the very beginning seemed to make the possibility of agreement remote.

"Nobody in fact can doubt that the happy issue of such a great assemblage, which includes representatives of all the civilized nations, will mark."

The hospital where the discovery was made before a conference of 25 Moscow doctors.

"So far as it has gone, it seems to be one of the most important medical discoveries of years," said Dr. Davenport. "Dr. Kritch has succeeded in isolating the typhuscecous which is biscuit shaped and in appearance much like the pneumonia germ or pneumacoccus. The germ was found in the brain tissue of 11 out of 12 patients who had died of typhus; the organism was then grown in the tissues of the human spleen from which later a culture was taken and injected in guinea pigs, producing typhus symptoms.

CARRIED BY LOUSE.

"So far no vaccine or curative serum has been developed, but this may come later. Other physicians in Europe and America have claimed partial success in the production of typhus vaccine, but Dr. Kritch is the first to grow and reproduce typhuscocci outside the human body."

The hospital where the discovery

# ON TARIFF BILL

Statements

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"And if by the height of misadeun treplation of the holy mysteries and lasting agreement should fall, who much the condition of Europe, alternative the production in the United States by would be aggravated with the produc

when he had to pay a fair rice for farm machinery or other products when he received a reasonable return for his farm products. He does, how-ever, object to selling his products in an open unprotected market in com-petition with the cheap labor of Asia and Europe."

#### GENERAL M'ANDREW, STAFF CHIEF, DIES

WASHINGTON, May 1.—Major General James W. McAndrew, who served as chief of staff of the Ameriserved as chief of staff of the American expeditionary forces for more than a year beginning in May, 1918, as successor to Major General Harbord, died at Walter Reed hospital Sunday night after an illness of more than two years. General Pershing, who had spent much time with his former chief of staff and right-hand man during the three major American offensives at Chateau Thierry. St. Michiel and the Argonne, during the last days of his illness, was at

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in April, 1918, and the following month became General Pershing's chief of staff. Besides the distinguished service medal awarded him by this country he also was awarded the following foreign decorations for service in the war: British K. C. M.

Major General McAndrew entered the military academy from the state of Pennsylvania in 1884. He served with distinction during the Spanish ONE OF FOUNDERS American war. He was commissioned major general in the national army

and the Legion of Honor and April 28, 1823.

OF G. O. P. EXPIRES

CHICAGO, May 1.—Edmund Ab-bott West, one of the founders of the Republican party, who celebrated his 93th birthday anniversary last Fri-day died here Sunday of pneumonia. Mr. West was born in Elyria, O.

From Ohlo he went served in the state legi was one of the group the celebration meeting in at which it's claimed by the Republican party # came to this city is 1881

ticed law for many years Cheeses more than a are served by some of Swiss families on the tant occasions.

### At What Age Should You Take Needless Risks With Your Health?



Is that a queer question?

Then many people are doing a queer thing -and often it turns out to be a serious thing

The Federal Bureau of Education says in its rules for the health of school children that children should not drink coffee or tea.

known fact that the drug element in coffee and tea whips up the nerves, and that serious ills often follow.

This rule is based on the well-

If it's a good rule for children to keep away from the harm of nerve-stimulation, isn't it a good rule for everybody?

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